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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group I, Species A of Figures 13-16A in the reply filed on 04/01/05 is acknowledged. However, even though per Applicants own admission of response filed on 09/07/04, distinguishing at least four separate Species, i.e., conditioning apparatus wherein the knife blade moves (13-16A); sharpener which includes one sharpening stage and a conditioning stage (17-18); sharpener which includes two sharpening stages and a conditioning stage (19-20) and conditioner wherein the hardened surface moves (23-24), applicant still lists claims readable on Species other than the elected one of Figs. 13-16A. The record is not clear as to whether Applicant is admitting these listed Species to be an obvious variant or not. Applicant is respectfully requested to list the elected claims readable on the elected species.
2. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hadi Shakeri whose telephone number is (571) 272-4495. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

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